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Sir:

This paper is presented in response to Paper No. 4:

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following claims:

--17. The reagent of Claim 8, wherein the carboxyl group is substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrophilic substituent and a substituent comprising at least one chromophore--

--18. The reagent of Claim 8, comprising 2-methoxyethyl-(N-4-nitrophenyloxycarbonyl)phenylalanine--